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- a. Merchant vessels Merchant Vessels in Constanta included: a cargo ship which about 1920 vintage with a capacity of three to four thousand tons, and with a cargo of bagged substance which looked like lime. this ship was not being worked. the tanker built in 1944 and of 1293 gross tons, which was loading oil products. the S/T built in 1908 and of 854 gross tons, was loading a Polish tanker. It carried a kerosene cargo. This vessel was of about eight thousand gross tons and of post-war build. the Rumanian passenger ship TRANSILVANIA was berthed. The and another tanker were waiting at anchorage for berths in subject port. A rather new German cargo vessel owned by the and built 1957-58, was in port. This vessel has five hatches. it had called in China. vessel built to carry either ore or oil, was loading in subject port. Its size is estimated at 12,526 gross tons. A very old vessel, the OCTOBRE, was "laid up" in subject harbor.

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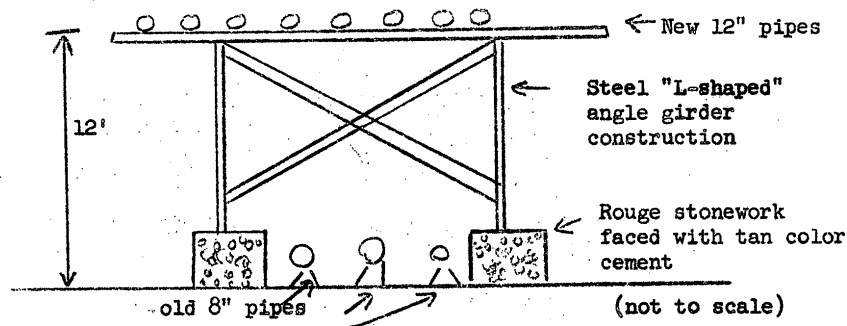
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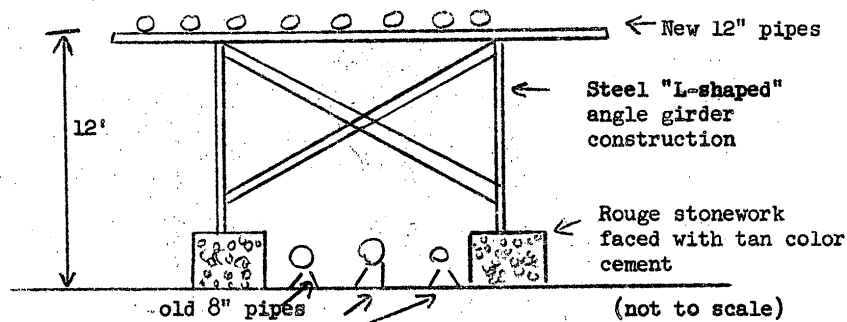
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